

[24 April, 2001]

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**Release of Printed Stamps**

**†4161. DR. A.K. PATEL:** Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to release those stamps again which have been printed upto the year 2000 since the independence of the country;

(b) if so, by when the same are likely to be released again; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR):** (a) and (b) No Sir.

(c) Commemorative postage stamps are issued by the Government to commemorate certain occasions and events, observed on particular dates. These are not repeated as it would not be in order to issue the same stamps on other occasions.

**Retrenchment of contract labour in Orissa Telecom. Circle**

**4162. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA:** Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 100 of NMR and contract labourers who have been working in Orissa Telecommunication Circle have been retrenched and at present are out of job;

(b) the total number of contract labourers and NMR workers working for Orissa Telecommunication Circle;

(c) the number of workers retrenched; and

(d) whether there is work for them and whether they have got all facilities under Industrial Disputes Act, 1947?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR):** (a) No contract labour or NMR were engaged in Orissa Telecom. Circle.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.